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‘Presents to the King of Persia and Imaum [Imam] of Muscat’

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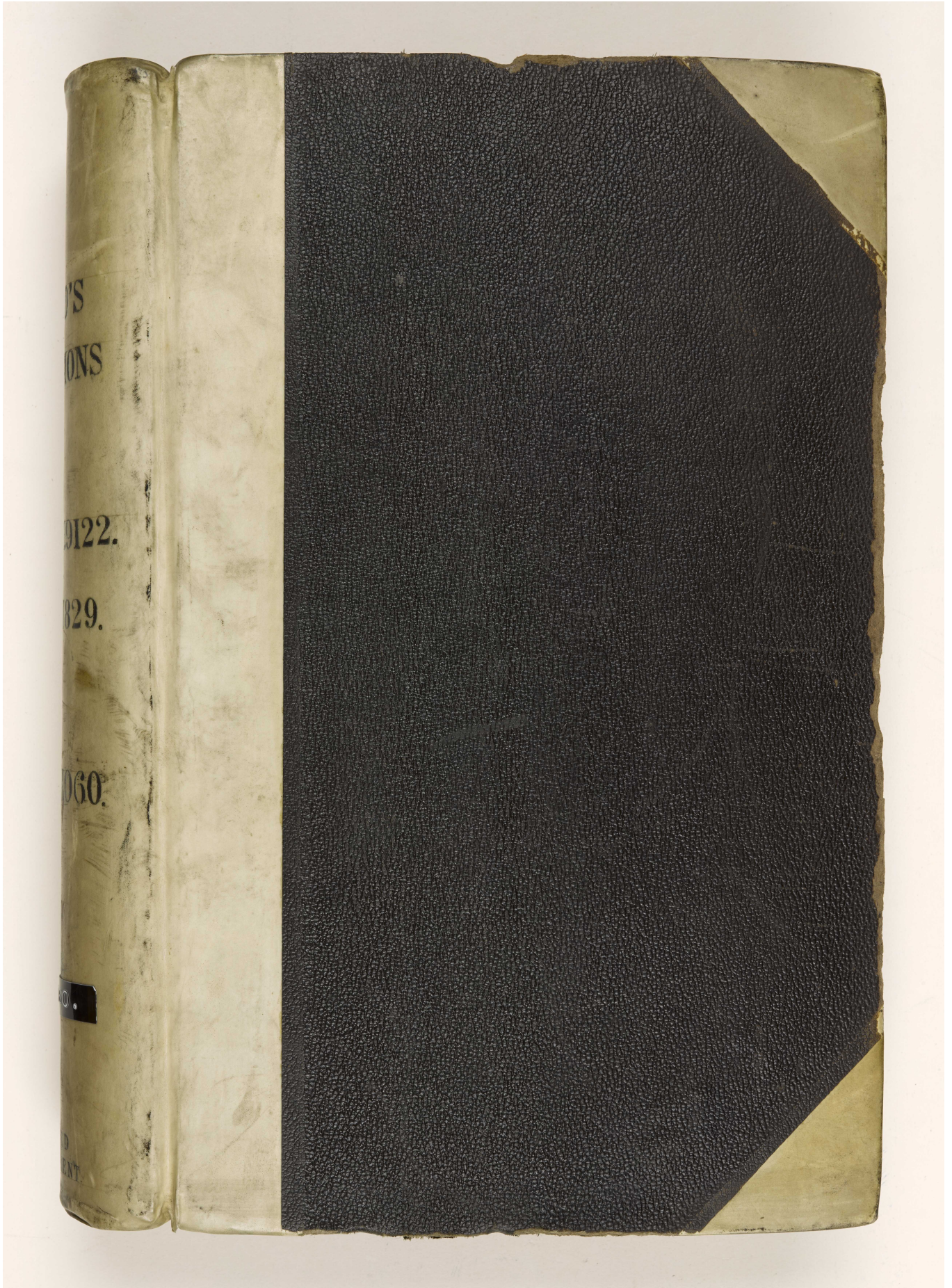
The item consists of extracts of Political Letters and Political Consultations from the Government of Bombay relating to gifts of glassware and porcelain for the King of Persia and the Imaum [Imam] of Muscat. In particular, the extracts are concerned with the decision to detain, in India, the glassware intended for the King of Persia until further instructions from the Home Authorities can be received. This is due to the recent refusal of the Court of Persia to receive an envoy from the Indian Government. After receiving dispatches from Henry Willock, His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Tehran, the order is given to transport the gifts to Bushire so that they may be conveyed to the King.

Correspondents include: the Government of Bombay; the Court of Directors; William Newnham, Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay; George Swinton, referred to as Chief Secretary to the Supreme Government; Henry Willock, His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Tehran; Mountstuart Elphinstone, Governor of Bombay; T Hoiver, Warehouse keeper; Captain Ephraim Gerrish Stannus, Resident in the Persian Gulph [Gulf].

The item also contains a table of contents noting the page number, date, author and recipient of each letter (f 6 recto). Despite appearing in the title and in the first extract Political Letter, no further mention of gifts to the Imaum of Muscat appears in the item.

The title page of the item contains the following references: 'Bombay Political Department P.C. 598, Draft 444, 1828/9', 'Collection No. 8' and 'Examiner's Office 1828'.

'Presents to the King of Persia and Imaum [Imam] of Muscat' [front] (1/32)



'Presents to the King of Persia and Imaum [Imam] of Muscat' [back] (2/32)



'Presents to the King of Persia and Imaum [Imam] of Muscat' [spine] (3/32)



'Presents to the King of Persia and Imaum [Imam] of Muscat' [edge] (4/32)



'Presents to the King of Persia and Imaum [Imam] of Muscat' [head] (5/32)



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to go with Paras: 116.117. of 25 Nov 1825⁵

Extract. Bombay. Political Consultations

30th June 1824

The following letter
from the Honble the Court
of Directors dated 2nd March

Honble Court last is received from the General
Letter from
Glasgow &
consigned per
Canton for
the Shah of
Persia -
Department.

Vide letter dated the
2nd March 1824 to the Honble Court

Resolved that 2^{pe}
of the preceding letter be forwarded
to Bengal with the following
letter from the Chief Secretary.

From

From Mr Chief Secretary Newham.
To G. Livingston Esq^r.

Chief Secretary to the Supreme
Government

29th June 1824

Sir,

I have it in

{ To the Secy to the
Supreme Govt. &
selecting instructions
respecting the gift
made for the Shah
of Persia. —

command from the Hon^{ble}
the Governor in Council to transmit
to you for the purpose of being
laid before the Right Hon^{ble}
the Governor General in Council
copy of a despatch from
the Hon^{ble} the Court of Directors
in the General Department dated
the 3rd March last, stating that
some Glaz Ware intended as a
present for His Majesty the
Shah

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Shah of Persia had been shipped
on the Company's Ship *London*.

The Glass Ware has
been received and lodged in the
Warehouse and the Governor in
Council will be happy to receive
His Lordships instructions respecting
it.

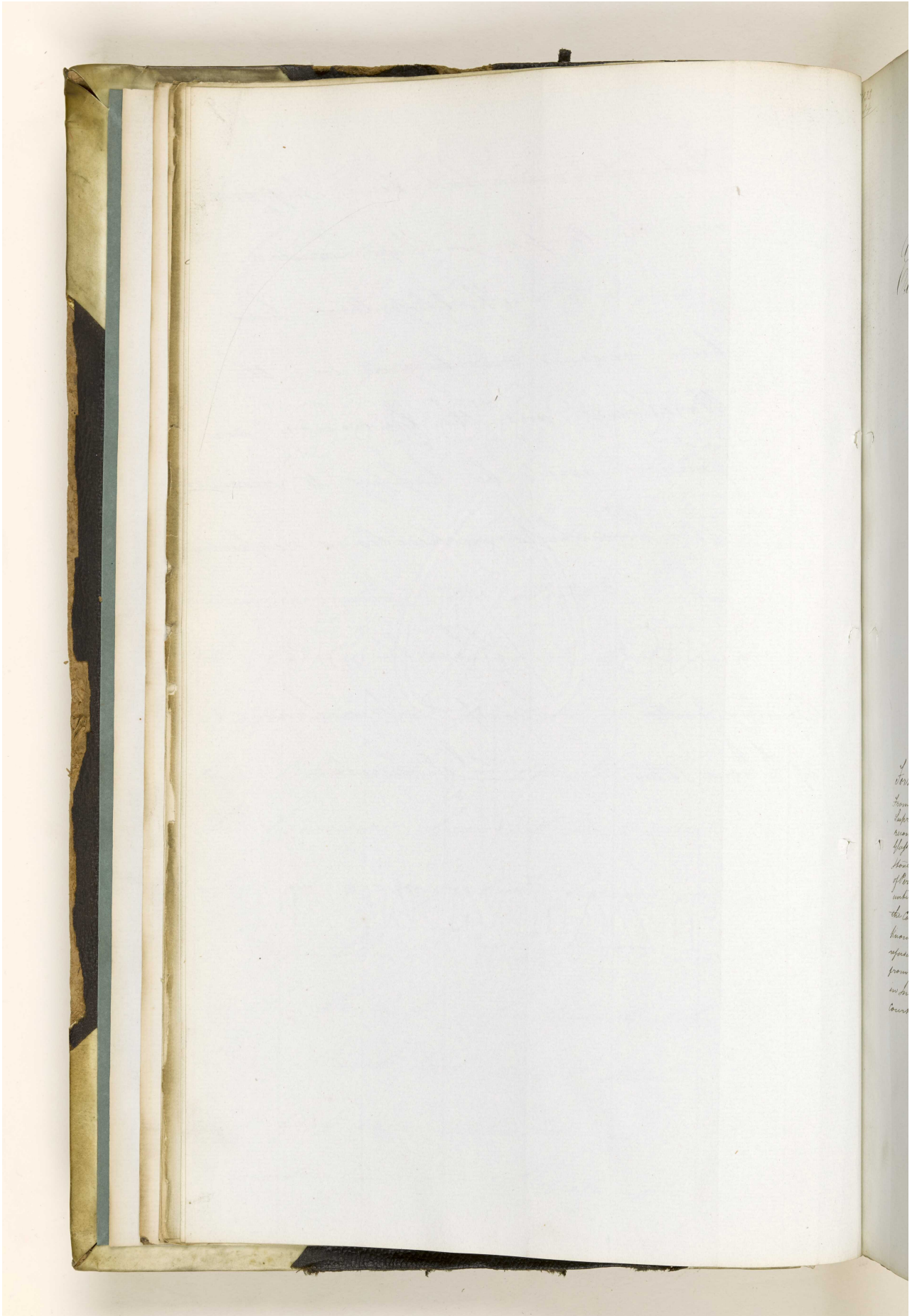
I have &c

Bombay Castle.

29th June 1824

Signed W. Newham
Chief Secretary

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations

25th August 1834. -

From G Swinton Esq^r.

Secretary to the Supreme Government
To a Mr^r Chief Secretary Newnham. -

(23rd July 1834)

Sir,

Fort William
From the Secretary to the
Supreme Government
recommending that the
Glasgow sent out by the
Honble Court for the King
of Persia should be delivered
until the sentiments of
the Court of Directors be
known in regards to the
refusal of an envoy
from the British Govt.
in India by the Persian
Court. -

I am directed
to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter dated
29th Ultimo, annexing copy
of a letter from the
Honble the Court of Directors,
announcing the despatch to
Bombay of a set of Glas-
gow

- Ware intended as a present for
His Majesty the King of Persia,
on the part of the East
India Company, and requesting the
instructions of the Governor
General in Council regarding the
same. -

3 In reply I am
to acquaint you for the
information of the Governor
in Council, that His Lordship
in Council is of opinion, the
Glass-ware should be kept at
Bombay, until the sentiments of
the Home Authorities shall
have been ascertained, regarding
the conduct of the Persian
Court in declining to receive
an

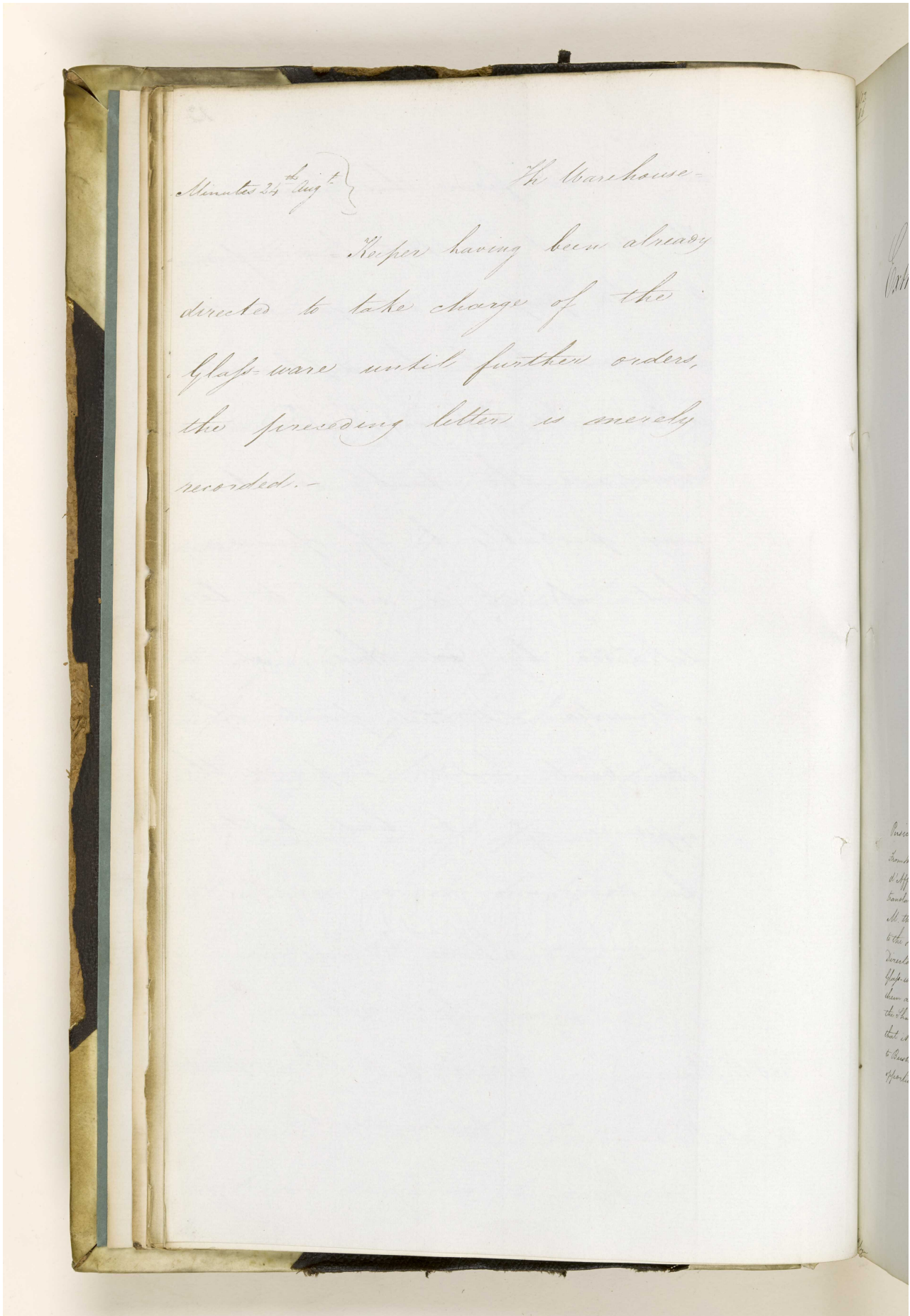
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an Envoy from this Government.
 The present doubtless had reference
 to the proposed change in the
 management of the diplomatic
 intercourse between England and
 Persia, and the Honble Court
 may probably be of opinion,
 that if it is not to be
 delivered by or thro' a
 Minister on the part of
 the East India Company, the
 expense of it had better
 be saved. -

I have &c.
 Signed by Swinton
 Secretary to the Supreme
 Government. -

Fort William
 23 July 1724

the



Minutes 3^d Aug^t } The Warehouse-
Keeper having been already
directed to take charge of the
Glass-ware until further orders,
the preceding letter is merely
recorded. -

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations

21th October 1824.

From H Willock Esq^r

His Majesty's Charge d' Affaires
at Tehran.

To a Mr. Chief Secretary Newham.

(24th July 1824)

Honorable Sir,

Persian Mirrors
from His Majesty's Charge
d' Affaires, forwarding
translate of one from H.
M. the King of Persia
to the Honble Court of
Directors respecting the
Glofs were sent out by
them as a present to
the Shah and requesting
that it might be sent
to Bushire by an early
opportunity. -

His Excellency Mirza

Abul Husain Khan has
lately learnt from a Mr.

Blases that the Court
of Directors have been

pleased to comply with
a wish expressed by him on

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the part of the Shah for a
supply of Glasp-ware in addition
to the articles sent by Mr Mathews.

His Majesty has
composed a letter of thanks to
the Honble Court for this testimony
of their kindness and attention,
a translated copy of which I
have the honor to enclose.

His Excellency the
Persian Minister has requested
me to beg you will be pleased
to direct that the Glasp-ware
may be speedily embarked for
Bushire where a person has
been appointed to convey it
as early as possible to the
Capital.

In

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In case these articles
should have been sent to Valcutta,
I have to request that the
present despatches may be
forwarded to His Excellency
the Governor General.

Sultanick
July 26th 1824

I have &c
Signed A. Millock.

Translation of a letter
received by the Shah of Persia
to the Honble Court of East
India Directors.

Al-
We offer the noble
and illustrious Directors of the
Honble East India Company the
assurances

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assurances of our distinguished
consideration and inform them.-

That on a previous
occasion by our command A. E
Mirza Abul Haspan Khan
expressed your Honble Court and
requested you would oblige us
by sending some Glass ware of
the description we noted.-

At this time H
E Mirza Abul Haspan Khan
has received a letter from
M^r Blades the Glass Manufacturer
stating that our wishes have
been obligingly complied with
and that your Honble Court
have sent to India the articles
we expressed a desire for.-

This

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This proof of your
disposition to gratify us; this
considerate attention to our wishes
have made a deep impression upon
our minds, they indicate a strong
desire on the part of your
Honble Court to consolidate the
ties of amity between the two
States, they have increased our
regard towards your Honble Court,
and have caused the present
expression of our thanks.

We trust your Honble
Court will continue to aid the
friendly relations between the two
Empires and we shall be happy
to comply with any wishes you
may

may have occasion to express.
 Written in the month sealed by
 of Jee Cesch 1234 } Sultan Allee Shah
 (A true translation)
 Signed H Willock
 From M. Elphinstone Esq.
 Governor of Bombay
 To H Willock Esq.
 His Majesty's Charge d'Affaires
 at Tehran.

(20th Oct^r 1824)

Sir,

I have been honored
 with the receipt of your
 letter dated the 24th July
 last, forwarding translate copy of
 one from H. M. the King of
 Persia to the Honble the Court
 of

Persian Persian
 Reply to, stating that
 the Glep. ware has
 been determined in
 consequence of
 instructions from
 the Supreme Govt

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of Directors respecting some Glass-
ware sent out by them as a
present to the Shah and requesting
that it might be forwarded
to Bushire by an early
opportunity.

2 The Glass ware was
received at Bombay in the June
Fleet of the present year, but
without any further information,
than the mere mention of its
being intended as a present
for the King of Persia. The
circumstance having been made
known to the Supreme Government
it occurred to His Lordship, that
the present had reference to the
proposed change in the management
of

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try that
are had
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light

of the Diplomatic intercourse
between England and Persia, and
His Lordship therefore directed
that it should be detained until
the further instructions of the
Home authorities should be
received, in consequence of the refusal
of the Persian Court to receive
an Envoy from the Indian
Government. I shall however lose
no time in making known to
His Lordship the circumstance now
mentioned in your dispatch,
that I may receive his further
instructions on the subject.

I have &c

Bombay Castle } Signed M. Elphinstone
20th Oct 1824 }

From

From Mr. Chief Secretary Newham.
To Mr. Swinton Esq.

Secretary to the Supreme Government

(20th Oct 1824)

Sir,

Persian Mission
To the Sec^y to the
Supreme Gov^t forwarding
copy of Mr. Hillcock's
despatch & of the reply
thereto.

As connected with
your letter dated the 23^d
July last, respecting the Glass-
ware intended as a present for
His Majesty the King of Persia,
I have the honor to transmit
to you for the purpose
of being laid before the Right
Honble the Governor General
in Council copy of a despatch
from His Majesty's Charge
& Affaires at Tebran dated
the

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the 21st July followed by a copy
of a letter addressed by the
Governor to Mr. W. Black under
this date. -

I have &c.

Signed W. M. Mowbray
Chief Secretary

Bombay Castle
20th Oct^r 1824

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations

5th January 1825.

N^o 32 From G Swinton Esq^r.

Secretary to the Supreme Court.

To Mr. Chief Secretary Newnham

(3 December 1824)

Sir,

Port William
From the Sec^y to
the Supreme Court
advising that the
former objection
to certifying the gifts
were sent out by
the Honble Court
for the King of
Persia is withdrawn
on Mr. Willock's
explanation & directing
that it may be sent
by the first opportunity.

I am directed
to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter dated
20th October, N^o 1141, &
containing further information
on the subject of the

glass ware sent by the Honble
Court of Directors, as a present
for

for His Majesty the Shah of
Persia, and in reply, to state to
you, that under the explanation
afforded by Mr. Millock's despatch,
the Supreme Government withdraws
its former objection, and considers
that the articles should be
forwarded to Persia without further
delay, in conformity with the
orders of the Honorable Court.

Fort William

Shave B^o.

3^d Dec^r 1824

Signed G. Lovinton

Secretary to the Supreme Gov^{ty}.

Trans Mr. Chief Secretary Newnham N^o 33

To H. Millock Esq^r.

His Majesty's Charge d'Affaires

(3 January 1825)

Sir,

Referring to my

letter

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Fort Mulliam
His Majesty's Charge d'Affaires advising him that the Glass Ware for the King of Persia will be sent by the first opportunity, the Supreme Government having withdrawn its former objection.

letter of the 30th of October last, respecting

the Glass-ware sent out

by the Court of Directors

for the King of Persia,

I have the honor to acquaint

you that the Supreme Government

having withdrawn its objection,

the articles will be forwarded

to Bushire by the first opportunity.

Bombay Castle

I have H^c.

3 January 1825

Signed W. Newnham

Chief Secretary

From W^{ch} Chief Secretary Newnham

To

Warehouse Keeper.

3 January 1825

Sir,

Adverting to my letter

letter of the 11th June last
 respecting the Glap-Mare received
 from the Honble the Court
 of Directors for His Majesty
 the Shah of Persia, I have the
 honor to convey the directions
 of the Honble the Governor
 in Council, that you will
 despatch the articles to Bushire
 by the first opportunity to
 the care of the Resident
 at that place, applying
 to the Superintendent of the
 Marine for Lonnage, and
 letting me know the opportunity
 by which they may be sent. -

*To the Merchants
 Keper, directing
 him to consign
 the Glap-Mare for
 the King of Persia
 to the Resident
 at Bushire, applying
 first for Lonnage
 to the Supt of the
 Marine.*

Bombay Castle }
 3rd Jan^y 1825 }
 Shave. 8th
 Signed W. M. P. Khan
 Chief Secretary

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations

2nd February 1825.

From J. Hooper Esq^r Warehouse

N^o 69 Keeper to Mr Chief Secretary Government

(31st January 1825.)

Warehousekeeper
Shew, respecting the
shipment of the
ware for the
Shah of Persia, and
handed through the
Magistrate's receipt.

Sir,

In pursuance of

The instructions contained in your
letter of the 3rd Instant, I have
the honor to acquaint you that I
have shipped in the Buglow
Salween, Saquodah Mahomed Awanah,
thirteen cases of Glap ware for his
Majesty the Shah of Persia, directed
to the care of the Resident at Bushahr.

J. Hooper

I enclose the Naguodah
receipt in duplicate, and

Bombay Warehouse } have the honor &c
21st January 1825 } (signed) J. Hoiver
Warehousekeeper.

From Mr Chief Secretary Newnham
to Captain Stammers Resident in the N^o 4th
Persian Gulf

(1st February 1825)

Sir,

I have the honor
to transmit to you a receipt
for 13 cases of glassware for

Persian Empire
to the Resident in
the Persian Gulf.
Transmitting the receipt
for the 13 cases of glassware
for H. M. the Shah of Persia
& requesting him to forward
them on to the N^o 4th Charge
His appointment
to be made.

Majesty the Shah of Persia, shipped
on the Buglow Salomon, Naguodah
Mahommed Benamed, and consigned
to your care, and to request that
you will be pleased to take an
early

early opportunity of forwarding
them to His Majesty's Charge
d' Affaires at Sehraun, who is
understood to have despatched a
Messenger to Bushire to receive
charge of them,

Bombay Castle }
1st February 1735 }

I have &c

(signed) W. Newnham

Chief Secretary

